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ABC ASSISTS IN UNDERCOVER SCHOOL BUY OPERATION***Multi-Agency Investigation Spanned Four Months***

(SOUTH LAKE TAHOE) – The California Department of Justice's Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) arrested eight South LakeTahoe High School students last week for distributing illegal drugs and prescription medication to other students as a lengthy undercover drug buy operation concluded.

During a four-month, multi-agency investigation, an undercover officer posing as a student at South Tahoe High School purchased several grams of Psilocybin mushrooms, cocaine, marijuana and several tablets of MDMA (Ecstasy), as well as prescription drugs such as Ritalin, Adderall and Vicodin.

Officers from the BNE's South Lake Tahoe/El Dorado County Narcotic Enforcement Team, the South Lake Tahoe Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, the Nevada Department of Public Safety's Division of Investigation, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control assisted in the investigation. More than 30 law enforcement officers helped serve eight arrest warrants and four search warrants to high school students in El Dorado County.

As the investigation expanded, the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, Probation Department and District Attorney's Office, the Tri-County Narcotic Enforcement Team and the Truckee Police Department provided assistance.

The names, ages and residences of the students arrested today are being withheld due to their ages. Additional arrests are anticipated.

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